

# **CITY OF SAN DIEGO HISTORICAL RESOURCES BOARD**

## **POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE**

Monday, February 13, 2017, at 3:00 PM

Conference Room 4C

Development Services Building

1222 First Avenue, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, San Diego, CA 92101

## **MEETING NOTES**

### **1. Attendance**

Boardmembers: Courtney Coyle, Priscilla Ann Berge, Ann Woods, Tim Hutter

Staff: Camille Pekarek, David Saborio

Guests: Amie Hayes (SOHO), Sharon Gehl (AIA Preservation Subcommittee), Rebecca McManus (ISA), Diane Kane (LJHS)

### **2. Public Comment (on matters not on the agenda)**

None

### **3. Subcommittee Comment (on matters not on the agenda)**

Chair Coyle expressed concern about the status of the Pottery Canyon Kiln, asked whether this is something that will be brought to the Archaeological and Tribal Cultural Resources Subcommittee. Staff noted that the Pottery Canyon Kiln is not an archaeological site, but is currently an active Code Enforcement case. It is not expected to be brought to the Archaeological and Tribal Cultural Resources Subcommittee.

Boardmember Berge asked if an interim chair to the Archaeological and Tribal Cultural Resources Subcommittee could be appointed. Staff stated they would have to look into that. Boardmember Hutter expressed interest in learning more about Design Assistance Subcommittee (DAS) involvement in the Site Development Permit (SDP) process. Staff noted that additional training on the SDP process is forthcoming. Chair Coyle expressed concern about affordable housing issues brought up by Councilman Sherman.

Boardmember Berge noted that it would be good for all new HRB members to receive CLG emails. Staff recommends that Boardmembers interested in receiving these emails contact the SHPO directly to get on this mailing list.

### **4. Issues – Work Program Discussion (continued from January mtg)**

Work Program Issue 8 – Historic Preservation Fund

Chair Coyle noted that the Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) will be presented as an information item to the HRB. Chair Coyle identified issues relating to the HPF as a higher priority rather than medium; Boardmembers Berge, Woods, and Hutter agreed.

Work Program Issue 9 – naming rights/corporate partnerships for resources in Balboa Park

Chair Coyle noted she is fairly sensitive to this issue and would like to know more about the naming policy as it is developed. Boardmember Berge wondered how often naming rights policies such as these are being created and if they are being brought to the Policy Subcommittee.

Staff noted that a presentation on the naming rights policy would be forthcoming as an information item at a meeting of the full HRB.

Diane Kane suggested looking to Exposition Park and the Coliseum in LA to see how their approach to these types of policies is.

Boardmember Hutter suggested a good project for an intern may be a national survey of these types of naming policies. Chair Coyle assigned a medium to high priority for this issue.

Work Program Issue 10 – how to increase designation incentives in more diverse communities

Chair Coyle noted that some areas are more represented than others and that this is an important issue. Boardmember Berge mentioned the designation of Old Fire Station #19, for its association with the early historic of the City's African American firefighters, as a good example of this effort. Boardmember Berge suggested reaching out to the community and that the HRB might draft a letter to Council for support in this effort. Boardmember Woods noted that probably the only real incentive is the Mills Act, which is really more effective in areas with high property values. Boardmember Hutter noted that people in some communities don't have the means to maintain homes with an attention to detail that is consistent with the Standards, and asked if SOHO provides educational programs.

Diane Kane noted that the La Jolla Historical Society has a designation program/workshop; suggested setting up workshops through Council offices and educating Council offices that designation is a tool for revitalization; suggested that the City is too strict on integrity; noted cultural landscapes and CPF conference, as well as the next designation workshop on March 11.

Boardmember Berge suggested further investigation into cultural landscapes and historic districts in community plans. Chair Coyle suggested workshop fliers be sent community planning chairs. Boardmember Hutter suggested targeting land use people in Council offices.

Sharon Gehl cautioned against aggressive promotion of historic designations and Mills Acts, costing the City more money; suggested that widespread designation lowers property values; that historic district designations forces social views on others; turns communities into museums; that the public should be educated on the negatives of designation, not just the positives since it prevents upgrading.

Chair Coyle noted that historic designations are shown to have a benefit to communities; and identified this issue as a priority. Boardmember Hutter suggested getting the word out to the community is a higher priority.

#### Work Program Issue 11 – Mills Act Program

Staff noted that a presentation on the Mills Act program will be developed for an upcoming HRB meeting as an information item.

Boardmember Berge expressed concern that without districts in place, potential district contributors are being lost due to integrity issues, and suggested that integrity issues be considered as Mills Act items upon designation.

Staff reminded Boardmembers that all historic designations made by the HRB must consider the property in its current condition; that since the Mills Act is a completely voluntary program, the HRB does not condition its designations based on future restoration work.

Diane Kane suggested that the County Assessor's office is actively undermining the Mills Act program in their calculations for Mills Act properties. Rebecca McManus noted that ISA clients only pursue designation for Mills Act benefits.

Boardmember Berge indicated a medium/low priority to this issue, but a high priority to the briefing for the HRB.

#### Work Program Issue 12 – Update from City's Tribal Liaison

Chair Coyle expressed urgency in having Myra Herrmann provide an update to the HRB on these issues sooner than October. Staff indicated it would inquire as to the possibility of having a presentation sooner. Boardmember Hutter indicated this may be good to have once the Board gets a new archaeologist.

#### Work Program Issue 13 – renaming the Archaeology Subcommittee

Chair Coyle noted that the renaming of the Archaeology Subcommittee is scheduled as an action item for the February HRB meeting.

Chair Coyle requested staff add an additional item to the work program matrix relating to a district processing information item.

### **Adjourned at 4:10 PM**

The next Policy Subcommittee Meeting will be on Monday, March 13, 2017 at 3:00 PM.

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